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Dear Dr. McAllister:

Recently, I spoke to you by telephone concerning a Montana State University/UCLA Symposia project that I am organizing with Ed Dratz and Erik van Kuijk. The title of the symposium is the **Molecular Basis of Oxidant Injury by Leukocytes** and it is to take place in the last week of January, 1991, at Big Sky Resort near Bozeman. The primary purpose of this conference is to bring together basic and clinical scientists studying the biochemistry of oxidant production by leukocytes and tissue damage by activated oxygen species. The conference is designed to facilitate formulation of a molecular view of the process of oxidant injury starting with the generation of oxidants by leukocytes and ending with their effects on tissues. Since these two groups do not generally meet together, it is expected that the exchange between them will produce new insights about the origin and control of toxic effects of leukocyte oxidant production. In addition, because such discussions have a direct bearing on the damage that neutrophils inflict to lung and other tissue during an inflammatory reaction, I felt it would be appropriate to ask the Council to financially support this meeting.

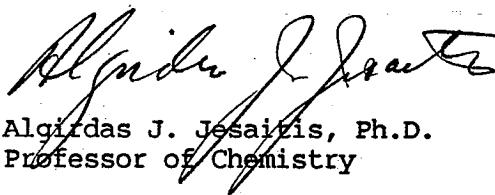
Enclosed with this letter is our preliminary program, a list of proposed speakers, a description of the site, a copy of past UCLA Symposia Announcements, the first announcement of our meeting (appearing in J. Cell. Biochem.), and copies of the C.V.s of the organizers. A number of the proposed speakers have been previous Council Awardee's (starred). Drs. Fridovich, Montellano, Sevanian, Quinn and Parkos have verbally agreed to attend, while others, such as Drs. Curnutte and Cochrane, have expressed serious interest.

Dr. Fred Fox, the Director of the UCLA Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, has formalized the agreement to administer and market the conference. These meetings tend to be among the most successful in generating scientific enthusiasm, communication, and working relationships. The announcements, Dr. Fox estimates, are seen by at least 500,000 scientists worldwide, thus we are confident that the attendance and goals that we have proposed for our Symposium will be achieved.

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As organizers of the meeting, we have promised Montana State University that we will obtain the full \$20,000 funding needed by the UCLA Symposia to market, administer, and pay for speaker costs. Since we believe that the Council would have a strong interest in such a meeting, we would like to hereby enter a request for funding from the Council. We realize that in the current funding environment you must have very many such requests. However, given the potential for cross fertilization between two fields that are participating heavily in the rapid growth in the molecular understanding of inflammatory disease, we feel that our program might merit special consideration from the Council. We would therefore hope that the Council would consider a request for \$5,000 in support of this meeting.

Sincerely,



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cc: Edward Dratz
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